

**In the Circuit Court for Lawrence County, Alabama**  
**Thirty-Sixth Judicial Circuit**  
**State of Alabama**

**ORDER REGARDING**  
**CLOSURE OF CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, since March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Alabama, the Honorable Chief Justice Tom Parker, presiding, has entered numerous administrative orders concerning the operation of the courts of this state (collectively, "the Supreme Court Orders") during the state of emergency declared by the Governor of this State and by the Supreme Court, and that this state of emergency continues to exist per the Orders of the Governor of this State;

WHEREAS, following entry of the Supreme Court Orders, this Court entered a series of administrative orders, including, most recently "ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 8 REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ENTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA And ORDERS ISSUED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSION (collectively the "state of emergency administrative orders");

WHEREAS, there has recently been confirmed that at least one member of the Circuit Clerk's Office of this Circuit has tested positive for the presence of Covid-19 (as defined in this Court's state of emergency administrative orders), with the presence of symptoms of the disease, and that this has resulted in a substantial number of employees of the Circuit Clerk's Office experiencing a "close contact" with such individual such that these individuals would be subject to quarantine per the orders of the Alabama Department of Public Health;

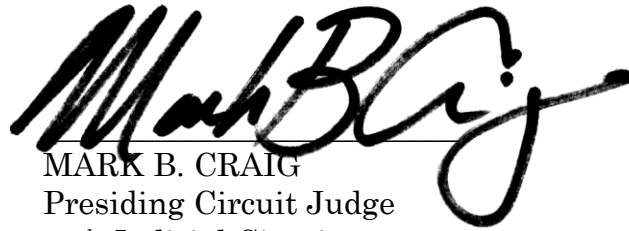
WHEREAS, this quarantine effectively incapacitates the Circuit Clerk's Office from discharging its responsibilities via in-person presence in the office facilities in the Lawrence County Judicial and Administrative Building, until no earlier than January 4, 2021;

NOW, BE IT ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 5(C) of the Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration by the Court that the Circuit Clerk is allowed to close her offices for the periods described due to the described emergent circumstances;

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the computation of time periods as may be effected by the closing of the offices of the Courthouse be in accordance with Rule 5(D), Rules of Judicial Administration.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order be transmitted to the offices affected thereby and to the Administrative Office of Courts;

DONE AND ORDERED, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020, but effective IMMEDIATELY (as of 12:00 p.m.).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. Craig". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "M" and a long, sweeping "C" that extends to the right.

MARK B. CRAIG  
Presiding Circuit Judge  
36<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit